

I drew back to the boat-house

They are not going to kill anybody

If they can help it," remarked Stod-

dard, "any more than we are. Even

deputy sheriffs are not turned loose to

do murder, and the Wabana county

court wouldn't, if it hadn't been im-

posed on by Pickering, lend itself to a

game like this. And this business here

is only a private affair between Picker-

"Now we're in for it." velled Larry

and the 12 men, in close order, came

running across the fee toward the

ing and the sheriff."

as Larry assured us.

yelled derisively to the enemy.

revolver in hand, bearing down upon Larry, who held our center.

undoing. A light fall of snow a few

days before had gathered in the lit-

le hollows of the wood deceptively

these and fell sprawling on all fours-

a calamity that caused his comrades

to pause uneasily. Larry was upon

his enemy in a flash, wrenched his

sistol away and pulled the man to his

"Ah, Davidson. There's many a

allot Move, if you dare, and I'll plus

stood behind the man, using him as a

shield while Morgan and the rest of

he army hung near the boat house

"It's the strategic intellect we've

captured general" observed Larry to

me. "You see the American invaders

out as skirmishers. The loss of the

detective had undoubtedly stangered

the caretaker, and we were dowly re-

treating toward the house, Larry with

one hand on the collar of his pels oner and the other grasping the re-

volver, with which he poked the man

frequently in the ribs. We slowly

continued our retreat, fearing a rush.

which would have disposed of us eas-

shown any fighting spirit. Studdard's

dated them. I think, and I saw that

the invaders kept away from his end

of the line. We were now far spart,

stumbling over the snow-covered

earth and culling to one another now

and then that we might not become

too widely separated. Davidson did

had but a l honors the occur, and

harmonyted once to your a command

"Try it again." I bount Larry ad-

The Sod, God bless it! will dever feel

the delicate imprint of your web-feet

rushed him toward the house, the re-

volver still serving as a prod. His

flight gave heart to the wary invaders

immediately behind him and two fel

"Bolt for the front door," I called

"They're not shooting," called Stod-

We were now nearing the edge of

the wood, with the open meadow and

water tower at our backs, while Larry

was making good time toward the

twe men at his heels, and the rest

veering off toward the wall of St.

and in a moment we were fencing

away at a merry rate. We both had

revolvers strapped to our waists, but

I had no intention of drawing mine

unless in extremity. At my right

Stoddard was busy keeping off Mor-

gan's personal guard, who seemed re-

luctant to close with the clergyman.

of a fencer, and my knowledge of the

With a tremendous thwack I knocked

Morgan's club flying over the snow,

and, as we grappled, flates yelled from

gan's wounded arm was still tender.

"Let's not walt for them here."

to Larry, and Stoddard and I closed

charged our line at a smart pace.

In after him to guard his retreat.

as little row as possible.

shouted Stoddard.

Agatha's.

He turned the man about and

again."

were depending on British brains."

you with your own gun."

#### CHAPTER XXIII. Besieged.

It was nine o'clock. We had swallowed some breakfast, though I believe no one had manifested an appetite. and we were cheering ourselves with the idlest talk possible. Stoddard, who had been to the chapel for his usual seven o'clock service, was deep in the pocket Greek testament he always car-

Bates ran in to report a summons at the outer wall, and Larry and I went together to answer it, sending

Bates to keep watch toward the lake. Our friend, the sheriff, with a deputy, was outside in a buggy. He stood up and talked to us over the wall. '

"You gents understand that I'm only doing my duty. It's an unpleasant business, but the court orders me to eject all trespassers on the premises. and I've got to do it."

"The law is being used by an infamous scoundrel to protect himself. I don't intend to give in. We can hold out here for three months, if neces sary, and I advise you to keep away and not act as a tool for a man like Pickering."

The sheriff listened respectfully, resting his arms on top of the wall.

"You ought to understand, Mr. Glen arm, that I ain't the court; I'm the sheriff, and it's not for me to pass on these questions. I've got my orders and I've got to enforce 'em, and I hope you will not make it necessary for me to use violence. The judge said to me, "We deplore violence in such cases." Those were his bonor's very words."

"You may give his honor my compliments and tell him that we are sorry not to see things his way, but there are points involved in this business that he doesn't know anything about and we unfortunately, have no time to lay them before him."

The sheriff's seeming satisfaction with his position on the wall and his disposition to parley had begun to arouse my suspicions, and Larry several times excluimed impatiently at the absurdity of discussing my affairs had furnished him and sent his men calling a constable, to the sheriff's evident annoyance.

"You, sir. - we've got our eye on you. and you'd better come along peace

able. Laurance Donovan; the descrip

tions fits you to a 't'." You could buy a nice form with

that reward, couldn't you-" began Larry, but at that moment Bates van By enough if Morgan's company had toward us calling loudly "They're coming acress the lake presence rather amazed and Intimi-

sir," he reported, and instantly the sheriff's head disappeared, and as we ran toward the house we heard his horse pounding down the road toward

"The law be damned. They don't intend to come in here by the front door as a matter of law," said Larry, "Pick- not relish his capture by the man he ering's merely using the sheriff to give respectability to his maneuvers."

It was no time for a discussion of motives. We ran across the meadow to Murgan, past the water tower and down to the boat-house. Far out on the lake we naw half a dozen men approaching the Glenarm grounds. They advanced steadily over the light snow that lay upon the ice, one man slightly in advance and evidently the leader.

"It's Morgan," exclaimed Bates.
"And there's Ferguson." Larry chuckled and slapped his

"Observe that stocky little devil just

behind the leader. He's my friend from Scotland Yard. Lads! this is really an international affair."

"Bates, go back to the house and call at any sign of attack." I ordered

"The sheriff's loose somewhere." "And Pickering is directing his forces from afar," remarked Stoddard "I count ten men in Margan's line,

said Larry, "and the sheriff and his deputy make two more. That's 12, not counting Pickering, that we know of on the other side." "Warn them away before they get

much nearer," suggested Stoddard. "We don't want to hurt people if we can help it,"-and at this I went to the end of the pier. Morgan and his men were now quite near, and there was no mistaking their intentions. Most of them carried guns, the others revolvers and long ice hooks.

"Morgan," I called, holding up my hands for a truce, "we wish you no harm, but if you enter these grounds you do so at your peril."

They had paused at a word from Morgan and listened sullculy. We're all sworn deputy shediffed

called the caretaker smoothly, "We've got the law behind us." "That must be why you're coming

in the back way." I replied.

The thickset man whom Larry had identified as the English detective now came closer and addressed me in a

You're harboring a bad man, Mr. Glenarm. You'd better give him up. I've got my papers and the American law supports me. You'll get yourself into trouble if you protect that man. You may not understand, sir, that he's a very dangerous character.'

Thanks, Davidson!" called Larry. "You'd better keep out of this. You " a bad man with the shillalah!" you are, you blackguard!" officer, so spitefully that we a mbal

Stoddard, putting himself between me in this. It said to us not to need and the men who were flying to Mor away our lives paddling along gan's aid.

"Shoot, you fools, shoot!" howled Morgan, and as we started across the open meadow and run toward the house a shotgun roared back of us and buckshot snapped and rattled on the tact with the bluden slus and dan stone of the water tower.

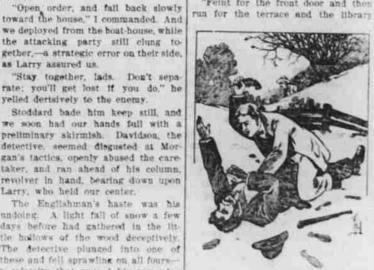
"There's the sheriff," called Stod dard behind me.

the park from the gate & St. Agatha's while the rest of Morgan's party were skirting the wall to join them.

me and the pursuers. "Sprint for it hot," he called very

coolly, as though he were coaching me faithful servant. in a contest of the most amiable sort imaginable. "Get away from those guas," I pant

his defense. "Feint for the front door and then household. run for the terrace and the library



"Move If You Dare, and I'll Plug You with Your Own Gun."

door," he commanded as we erossed for the little ravine bridge. They ve to t us headed off." Twice the guns boomed behind u-

and twice I saw abot cut into the snow allout me. "I'm all right," called Stoddard, re-

assuringly, will at my lack. They're not a bit anxious to kill me." I was at the top of my speed now. but the commymum kept close at my

hoels. I was blowing hard, but by made equal time with berief case. The shoriff was leaving unions to front door. Bates and Larry were to It if we enter him the not visible, but I and every confi it of home. The then seen front door. Hates and Larry work dence that the Irishman would reny among pear in the fight at the warhout me other in the family whole is reckgood with, and the first strange, If it come in the house itself minter are

knew the full strength of the enemy eried Stordard-books me-when we Is abtelded the entrance. world suddenly to the left, close upon (804) walls the distinct heights of the orrace, where one of the French I was windows was thrown open and Larry On every street, and and Baces steleped out, arging us on this.

not be so unequal, providing we now

dragged as both where the balastrade levery competitor? was lowest and we crowded through preme lesson of history is this, it the door and slammed it. As Bates B dry crust with a clean con charged their combined artillery and of dollars with an aching heart. Let

## Home Circle Column.

A Column Dedicated To Tired thing will fall into its proper place lows, urged and led by Morgan, Mothers as they Join the Home Circle

dard. "You may be sure they've had The world would be much better their orders to capture the house with than it is if people would live up to neir obituary notices.

The parlor as a parlor will soon be a relic of the past. The very name seems to succest stiffness and lack of comfort. The new houses, even the most modest ones, will have the One Year and a Fac-cimile copy of Morgan was advancing with a club best room, the one in which the in his hand, making directly for me, whole family gathers, a warm, sunny place, a home room in its truest sense The next generation will not waste space on pariors. Perhaps a little likeary for privacy, will also be in-dispensable to many. This cheery 'Watch the house," I yelled to the chaplain; and then, on the sige of the wood Morgan came at me furious room of the future will hold the pi ty, swinging his club over his head, and the general looks, the pictures ty, swinging his club over his head, work baskets and everything that series to make home a haven of test for loyal hearts. Speed the

JUST AS WE SEE IT. Two persons stand upon same bluff overlooking the great own home paper for local news I have been, in my day, semething Missimippi river. The one can see and nothing but a winding sheet of watfolls stood me in good stead now at obliged to follow down an incluine on the earth's surface, and therefore of no interest to him. The other, the foremost metropolitan daily the house I quickly found that Mor. spellbound and with awe and admira- new-paper in the Middle West for tion for the wondering works of all the news of the world with com He fluched at the first grapple, and lure, beholds a mighty river, as in piete and accorate markets. his anger got the better of his judg- its ceaseless power and majestic beau-We kicked up the snow at a ty it rolls ever onward towards the great rate as we feinted and dragged see. So we saw the ripple of the each other about. He caught hold of water here and there as it played is a splendid farm paper and a my belt with one hand and with a around some hidden rock, we thought copy of The Declaration of Indegreat wrench nearly dragged me from my feet, but I pinioned his arms and knew where all the dangerous rocks pendence, is something that should bent him backward, then, by a trick larry had taught me, flung him upon the deep water is and if we keep the SUBSCRII

boat in the deep water we shall be

Meanwhile Bates continued to call safe and need not worry much about "Come on at any cost," shouted ed we thought there was a lesson shores of the River of Time probing around trying to find all the rocks. We believe many lives are wrecked not; as much by the storms of life, as by dritting with the tide and strikus these rooks and coming in congers along the shore. die deep water, head your bark to The officer and his deputy ran into Despite drift with the time against the current and as the years roll by no censelvas as the flow of this mighty river we shall be note "Stop or I'll shoot," yelled Morgan to look back with peace and consona and I left Stoddard pause in his gi toon upon a life well spent in the gantle stride to throw himself between service of Got and humanity and by me and the and by how asset will come the wel-

The first duty of a man is to his home, to his wife and his children.
If he is so fortunate as to have them. As a husband and father ed, angered by the very generosity of themhe should be the Baht and joy of the To the children should be their counsellor and friend their strength for duty, their enouragement to excellence, their comfort and help in all that prepare tor usefulness and makes home at

There are some people so onsti-tuted that they go straigth for the piensant things as a bee pitches for a clover top as soon as he is out of the hive. They like every-thing. If they go to a concert they lind at least one voice that suits tnem, wondering how Got could put they pendse the winter. They pleased under any and all circu stances. They are the people you like to have for customers if you at a morefunt, for ellents it you are on the sick list for they can cure atmost any kind of disease, even a

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